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ANN MORGAN LILLY, DISTRICT 1
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J. ALEXANDRO LOZANO, DISTRICT 3
MELINA CASTRO, DISTRICT 4
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EDDIE HOLGUIN JR., DISTRICT 6
STEVE ORTEGA, DISTRICT 7
BETO O'ROURKE, DISTRICT 8

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
FEBRUARY 21, 2007

The City Council met at the above place and date. Meeting was called to order at 9:11 a.m. Mayor John Cook present and presiding and the following Council Members answered roll call: Ann Morgan Lilly, Susie Byrd, Jose Alexandro Lozano, and Beto O'Rourke. Late arrivals: Melina Castro at 9:18 a.m. and Steve Ortega at 10:05 a.m. Presi Ortega, Jr. and Eddie Holguin, Jr. requested to be excused.

The following Public Service Board Members answered roll call: Fermin Acosta, Jr., Richard O. Martinez, Ruben E. Guerra, Maria F. Teran, and John F. Cook.

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AGENDA

The following items were taken together:

1. Discussion and action by the City Council and the Public Service Board on the recommendations for storm water management and organization as prepared by Red Oak Consulting.
2. Consideration and action by the City Council and the Public Service Board to direct the City Manager and the General Manager to move forward to establish by City Ordinance a Storm Water Utility under the management and control of the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board.

Mr. Richard Giardina, Vice President of Red Oak Consulting, presented a PowerPoint presentation.

Mayor Cook and Representatives O'Rourke, Lozano, Byrd, Castro, Steve Ortega, and Lilly commented.

Public Service Board Chair Fermin Acosta and members Maria Teran and Ruben Guerra commented.

The following City staff members commented:

1. Ms. Joyce Wilson, City Manager
2. Ms. Sylvia Firth, Director of Governmental Affairs and Senior City Attorney, gave legal advice.
3. Mr. Alan Shubert, provisional City Engineer and Director of Development Services

Mr. Edward Archuleta, Public Service Board Director, and Ms. Angela Bremont, Red Oak, commented.

The following members of the public commented:

1. Mr. Charlie Wakeem
2. Mr. Kevin Finger
3. Mr. Richard Schecter
4. Mr. John Karlsruhe
5. Mr. Matt Carroll
6. Ms. Lisa Turner
7. Dr. Rick Bonart

MOTION OF CITY COUNCIL

Motion made by Representative Lozano, seconded by Representative Steve Ortega, and carried to **DIRECT** the City Manager and the El Paso Water Utilities General Manager to draft an ordinance within 60 days to create a storm water utility; to designate the management and control of the utility to the El Paso Water Utilities; to create a public information program; to develop alternatives to financing the utility; to bring back to Council preliminary estimates from URS for Storm 2006 infrastructure damage projects; and to bring back to Council forecasted employment tables for the utility.

AYES: Representatives Lilly, Byrd, Lozano, Steve Ortega, and O'Rourke

NAYS: Representative Castro

ABSENT: Representatives Presi Ortega, Jr. and Holguin

MOTION OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Motion made by PSB Member Guerra, seconded by PSB Member Martinez, and unanimously carried to **PROCEED** with the storm water utility process.

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Motion made by Representative Byrd, seconded by Representative O'Rourke, and unanimously carried to adjourn this meeting at 11:34 a.m.
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APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

Richarda Duffy Momsen, City Clerk